

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 09-11

Introduced by Council President Boniface at the request of the County Executive and Council Member Shrodes

Legislative Day No. 09-8 Date March 10, 2009

AN ACT to repeal and reenact, with amendments, Section 267-112, Historic landmarks, of Article XIII, General Provisions for Historic Landmarks, of Part 2, Miscellaneous, of Chapter 267, Zoning, as enacted by the County Council on February 3, 2009 in Bill No. 09-01; to provide for the designation of the George N. Wiley Mill as a county landmark; and generally relating to historic landmarks.

By the Council, March 10, 2009

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: April 14, 2009

at: 7:00 p.m.

By Order: Barbara J. Connor, Council Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on April 14, 2009, and concluded on, April 14, 2009.

Barbara J. Connor, Council Administrator

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

WHEREAS, the George N. Wiley Mill is of great historical significance to the citizens of Harford County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 267-108 of the Harford County Code, as amended, the George N. Wiley Mill meets one or more of the criteria necessary to be listed as a Harford County Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the proposed nominated historic landmark includes a mill, miller's house, reconstructed barn and an ice/meat house, all located on approximately 48.9 acres on the eastern side of Jolly Acres Road in northwest Harford County; and

WHEREAS, the George N. Wiley Mill was inventoried and recorded on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties as historical site HA-458 and 459 in June of 1976; and

WHEREAS, the Harford County Historic Preservation Commission voted on December 3, 2008 and unanimously recommended that the property known as the George N. Wiley Mill, 4907 Jolly Acres Road, be listed as a Harford County Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 267-110 of the Harford County Code, as amended, a public meeting was held on March 4, 2009 to provide an opportunity for public comment on the designation.

Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford County, Maryland that Section 267-112, Historic landmarks, of Article XIII, General Provisions for Historic Landmarks, of Part 2, Miscellaneous, of Chapter 267, Zoning, as enacted by the County Council on February 3, 2009 in Bill No. 09-01, be, and it is hereby, repealed and reenacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

**Chapter 267. Zoning**

**Part 2. Miscellaneous**

**Article XIII. General Provisions for Historic Landmarks**

**§ 267-112. Historic landmarks.**

The Department of Planning and Zoning shall maintain a list of the County's designated historic landmarks consisting of public and private sites and structures in the County as well as a list

1 of properties/sites that the Commission considers to be of significant historical, architectural,  
2 archeological or cultural value that are eligible for designation.

3 The following sites are designated as County historic landmarks in accordance with this Part.

4 The boundaries of the County historic landmarks are shown on the official historic districts and  
5 landmarks maps, on file with the Department of Planning and Zoning.

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<b>Historic Inventory Number</b>	<b>Property Name</b>	<b>Property Address</b>
937	Christopher's Camp	1219 South Fountain Green Road, Bel Air
441	Churchville Presbyterian Church and Cemetery	2844 Churchville Road, Churchville
225	Hays House	324 South Kenmore Avenue, Bel Air
609	Little Falls Meeting House Burial Ground	719 Old Fallston Road, Fallston
610	Fallston Friends Schoolhouse	719 Old Fallston Road, Fallston
855	Nelson-Reardon-Kennard House	3604 Philadelphia Road, Abingdon
4	Rigbie House	2422 Castleton Road, Darlington
1312	St. Francis de Sales Church	1450 Abingdon Road, Abingdon
5	Sophia's Dairy	4602 Pulaski Highway, Belcamp
168	St. Mary's Church	1 St. Mary's Church Road, Abingdon
561	Stansbury Mansion	1616 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville
49	Thomas Run Church	Thomas Run Road, Bel Air
165	Deer Creek Harmony Presbyterian Church	2202 Shuresville Road, Darlington
12	Deer Creek Friends Meeting House and Cemetery	1212 Main Street, Darlington
6	Bon Air	2501 Laurel Brook Road, Fallston
307	Mccomas Institute	1911 Singer Road, Joppa
249	Spesutia Church Vestry House and Cemetery	1504 Perryman Road, Aberdeen
867	Bush Hotel	4014 Philadelphia Road, Abingdon
1315	Joppa Historic District	Joppa
44	D. H. Springhouse	3000 Sandy Hook Road, Bel Air
469	King and Queen Seats	Rt. 24, Street
1117	Whitaker Mill and Miller's House	1212 Whitaker Mill Road, Joppa

Historic Inventory Number	Property Name	Property Address
103	Tabernacle Church	Tabernacle Road, Whiteford
66	Old Brick Baptist Church	Baldwin Mill Road, Forest Hill
1590	St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery	4139 Gravel Hill Road, Havre De Grace
693	Woodside	400 Singer Road, Abingdon
240	Swansbury	111 Beards Hill Ext., Aberdeen
1279	Greenwood	331 Glenville Road, Churchville
1435	Historical Society Headquarters/ Old Bel Air Post Office	143 N. Main Street, Bel Air
356	Joshua's Meadows	300 N. Tollgate Road, Bel Air
1244	Hopkins House	141 N. Main Street, Bel Air
1393	Old Aegis Building	29 West Courtland Street, Bel Air
1394	Mrs. Dunnigan's Building	31 West Courtland Street
1780	Old Aberdeen High School	34 N. Philadelphia Blvd., Aberdeen
1395	Mrs. Dunnigan's Hotel and Restaurant	33 West Courtland Street, Bel Air
1463	Harford Mutual Fire Insurance Company Building	18 Office Street, Bel Air
2181	Darlington Library	1134 Main Street, Darlington
218	Harford County Courthouse	20 West Courtland Street, Bel Air
1456	Survey Stones for Bel Air at 220 South Main St.	220 South Main Street, Bel Air
1396	Survey Stones for Bel Air at 33 West Courtland St.	33 West Courtland Street, Bel Air
1311	Bel Air M.E. Church (Main Street)	20 N. Main Street, Bel Air
1413	Bel Air Black School	205 Hays Street, Bel Air
1267	Asbury M.E. Church	114 Asbury Road, Churchville
448	Ivory Mills	4916 Harford Creamery Road, Norrisville
458 & 459	GEORGE N. WILEY MILL	4907 JOLLY ACRES ROAD, NORRISVILLE
<b>Park Property:</b>		
2180	Francis Silver Park (Darlington)	2428 Shuresville Road, Darlington
370	Scott House (Equestrian Center)	608 Tollgate Road, Bel Air
230	Liriodendron	502 W. Gordon Street, Bel Air
562	Eden Mill Park	1617 Eden Mill Road, Pylesville
1081	Stone House and Spring House (Edgeley Grove Farm)	864 Smith Lane, Benson
<b>Bridges:</b>		
439	Franklinville Road	Joppa
1119	Old Carrs Mill Road	Fallston
336	Nobles Mill Road	Darlington

Historic Inventory Number	Property Name	Property Address
799	Cherry Hill Road	Street
1982	Forge Hill Road	Dublin
1038	Ring Factory Road	Bel Air
1237	Whitaker Mill Road	Joppa
1098	Green Road	Whitehall
Board of Education:		
699	Harford Glen	60 W. Wheel Road, Bel Air
1407	Methodist Episcopal Parsonage (Demolished)	35 East Gordon Street, Bel Air
1410	Kimble-Waters House (Demolished)	50 East Gordon Street, Bel Air
2179	Darlington Elementary School	2119 Shuresville Road, Darlington
258	Proctor House	54 East Gordon Street, Bel Air
1409	Old Bel Air Academy	45 East Gordon Street, Bel Air
Harford Community College:		
152	Hays-Heighe House	401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air

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2 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date

3 it becomes law.

EFFECTIVE: June 15, 2009

*The Council Administrator does hereby certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill are immediately available for distribution to the public and the press.*

*Barbara J. Conner*  
Council Administrator

HARFORD COUNTY BILL NO. 09-11

Brief Title Historic Landmark – George N. Wiley Mill

is herewith submitted to the County Council of Harford County for enrollment as being the text as finally passed.

**CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT**

Barbara J. O'Connor / MKH  
Council Administrator

Date April 14, 2009

**ENROLLED**

Billy Bonfante  
Council President

Date April 14, 2009

**BY THE COUNCIL**

Read the third time.

Passed: LSD 09-11

Failed of Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

By Order

Barbara J. O'Connor / MKH  
Council Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Barbara J. O'Connor / MKH  
Council Administrator



**BY THE EXECUTIVE**

David R. Craig  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: Date April 16, 2009

**BY THE COUNCIL**

This Bill No. 09-11 having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on April 16, 2009.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 2009

Barbara J. O'Connor  
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Council Administrator

George N. Wiley Mill:  
Harford County Historic Landmark



Supplemental information for Bill # 09-11

## INTRODUCTION

The Harford County Historic Preservation Commission unanimously voted on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008 to recommend that the property known as the George N. Wiley Mill, 4907 Jolly Acres Road, be listed as a Harford County Historic Landmark, pursuant to Part 2 Article XIII of the Harford County Zoning Code. The Historic Preservation Commission investigated possible listing at the request of the current property owners, Timothy and Elizabeth Bova.

The George N. Wiley Mill property is located on the upper stretches of Deer Creek in the hilly, rural northwest corner of Harford County, less than two miles south of Norrisville. Deer Creek passes by the property. The property is approximately 48.9 acres and lies on the eastern side of Jolly Acres Road. The George N. Wiley Mill property contains a mill, miller's house, reconstructed barn and an ice/meat house. The George N. Wiley Mill is located on Parcel 0008 of Map 0230 on the Harford County Tax Map. The property's tax identification number is 04005635.

The George N. Wiley Mill property was inventoried and recorded as historical site HA-458 & 459 in June of 1976 in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

## HISTORIC BACKGROUND

The George N. Wiley Mill is significant for its association with the industrial history of Harford County; as well as its association with significant persons related to local history.

The George N. Wiley Mill is noteworthy for its association with the history of the grist mill industry in Harford County. For approximately a century and a half, from the American Revolution to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, milling was the primary industry in Harford County. The industry provided wealth to their owners, and their presence encouraged Harford County's agriculture to shift from tobacco production to wheat, corn and other grains.

The George N. Wiley Mill also gains significance for its association with the Wiley family. Four generations of Wiley's successively owned and operated mills in Harford County, making them the most distinguished local family in the industry. In all, the Wiley's owned three mills in Harford County, the George N. Wiley Mill, Ivory Mills and Amos Mill. The George N. Wiley Mill is located approximately 1,000 yards upstream from Ivory Mills and approximately 2 ½ miles from Amos Mill.

Matthew Wiley was the first Wiley to move to Harford County around 1780. Matthew Wiley's father and grandfather had been prominent millers in Chester County, Pennsylvania since the early 18<sup>th</sup> century, making six generations of Wiley millers in all. According to the 1798 Federal tax assessors, Wiley owned 823 acres in Harford County



as well as a gristmill measuring '30 x 25'. The present chinked-log structure was built by Matthew Wiley Sr. around 1800.

In 1840 Matthew Wiley Jr., inherited the property from his father and continued as its owner until 1878, when it was passed to his son George N. Wiley. Mrs. Dora Wiley Treadway, his daughter, acquired the property in 1920 by deed from her mother. She sold it in 1927 to the Black and Decker Company of Towson who remodeled the property and used it for recreational purposes. In 1947 the land was sold to the Lutheran Church. Today the property is used as a primary residence.

The George N. Wiley Mill has remained in good structural condition on its original site. The mill has been extensively remodeled but the rustic historic setting has remained unspoiled. The George N. Wiley Mill remains a significant historical and cultural resource in Harford County and a suitable candidate for restoration. Landmark status will ensure that all significant exterior architectural features of the nominated property will be preserved and modifications to adjacent areas are in keeping with the historic setting.

GEORGE N. WILEY MILL:



RECONSTRUCTED BARN:



GEORGE N. WILEY HOUSE:



ICE/MEAT HOUSE:





Overview of George N. Wiley Mill Property